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David Pendley  
County Sanitation District Nos. 26 of Los Angeles County  
1955 Workman Mill Road  
Whittier, CA 90601

## **STANDARD CERTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED SOLEDAD CANYON TRUNK SEWER SECTION FOUR REHABILITATION PROJECT (CORPS' PROJECT NO. 2002- 00566-AOA), SANTA CLARA RIVER, CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, LOS ANGELES COUNTY (FILE NO. 02-035)**

Dear Mr. Pendley:

Regional Board staff has reviewed your request on behalf of the County Sanitation District No. 26 of Los Angeles County (the Applicant) for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the above-referenced project. Your application was deemed complete on December 28, 2001.

I hereby certify that any discharge from the Soledad Canyon Trunk Sewer Section Four Rehabilitation Project, as proposed and described in Attachment A, if performed in accordance with all applicable water quality objectives, prohibitions, and policies set forth in the *Water Quality Control Plan, Los Angeles Region* (1994), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Attachment B, will comply with the applicable water quality standards and other appropriate requirements, including the provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act.

The Applicant shall be liable civilly for any violations of this certification in accordance with the California Water Code. This certification does not eliminate the Applicant's responsibility to comply with any other applicable laws, requirements and/or permits.

Should you have questions concerning this certification action, please contact Jason Lambert, Section 401 Program, at (213) 576-5733.

[Original Signed By:]

[April 25, 2002]

Dennis A. Dickerson  
Executive Officer

Date

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## ATTACHMENT A

### Project Information File No. 02-035

1. Applicant: David Pendley  
County Sanitation District No. 26 of Los Angeles County  
1955 Workman Mill Road  
Whittier, CA 9061  
Phone: (562) 699-7411 x 2765 Fax: (562) 695-1874
2. Applicant's Agent: None
3. Project Name: Soledad Canyon Trunk Sewer Section Four Rehabilitation
4. Project Location: Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County  
Township: T4N, Range: R15W  
Latitude: 34° 24' 42", Longitude: 118° 27' 59"
5. Type of Project: Sewage Pipe Repair
6. Project Description: *Purpose:* The purpose of the proposed project is to rehabilitate a damaged portion of the existing Soledad Canyon Trunk Sewer Section Four.  
  
*Description:* Proposed project activities will consist of diverting flow from an upstream manhole (MH 113) to a downstream manhole (MH 108) using a temporary aboveground pipe in order to rehabilitate an existing sewer. The section of trunk sewer to be rehabilitated is between MH 111 and MH 112. The Applicant proposes to rehabilitate 227 linear feet of 15-inch diameter vitrified clay pipe. Manhole 113 is located within the Santa Clara River channel. In order to prevent any unforeseen seepage into the riverbed, the temporary piping will be placed on an impermeable plastic liner.
7. Federal Agency/Permit: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
NWP No. 12 (Permit No. 2002-00566-AOA)

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| 8. Other Required<br>Regulatory Approvals:                                    | California Department of Fish and Game<br>Streambed Alteration Agreement (Notification No. R5-2002-0077)   |
| 9. California<br>Environmental Quality<br>Act (CEQA)<br>Compliance:           | The proposed project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301 (Existing Facilities).   |
| 10. Receiving Water:  | Santa Clara River, (Hydrologic Unit No. 403.51)  |
| 11. Designated Beneficial<br>Uses:  | MUN, IND, PROC, AGR, GWR, FRSH, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, WILD, RARE, and WET  |
| 12. Impacted Waters of the<br>United States:                                  | Non-wetland waters (unvegetated streambed): 0.3 temporary acres  |
| 13. Dredge Volume:  | None   |
| 14. Related Projects<br>Implemented/to be<br>Implemented by the<br>Applicant: | <p>The Applicant has identified three (3) projects that may impact the same waterbody that are planned for implementation in the next five years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 2015 Santa Clarita Valley Joint Sewage System Facilities Plan;</li><li>▪ District 32 Main Trunk Sewer and Waste Activated Sludge Force Main Relocation; and</li><li>▪ District 32 Main Relief Trunk Sewer, Section 1A Extension.</li></ul> |
| 15. Avoidance/<br>Minimization<br>Activities:                                 | <p>The Applicant has proposed to implement several Best Management Practices, which have been incorporated into their Spill Prevention Plan (SPP). Practices in the SPP include, but are not limited to, the following:</p>  |

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- Placing the diversion piping onto a impermeable plastic sheeting in order to assure containment upon any potential leak;
- Having a standby backup bypass pumping system as well as a standby vacuum truck in place in case of any possible failure by the primary bypass pumping system;
- Constructing a lined soil berm capable of containing 100 percent of the volume of the pipe at the low point of the bypass line; and
- Maintaining a five-day (5-day) clear weather forecast before beginning any operations, and working only in dry conditions.

16. Proposed  
Compensatory  
Mitigation:

The Applicant did not propose any compensatory mitigation to offset the proposed temporary impacts associated with the project; however, the Applicant will remove and dispose of all *Arundo donax* from the project area, and will restore all areas of temporary disturbance to their original condition.

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **Conditions of Certification File No. 02-035**

#### **STANDARD CONDITIONS**

Pursuant to §3860 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (23 CCR), the following three standard conditions shall apply to this project:

1. This certification action is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to §13330 of the California Water Code and Article 6 (commencing with 23 CCR §3867).
2. This certification action is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any activity involving a hydroelectric facility and requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license unless the pertinent certification application was filed pursuant to 23 CCR Subsection 3855(b) and the application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.
3. Certification is conditioned upon total payment of any fee required pursuant to 23 CCR Chapter 28 and owed by the Applicant.